


The Examiner should note that we have not yet received the International Preliminary Examination Report. It is expected that many of the claims will be found to meet novelty and patentability criteria in the IPER for the reason that they were found to meet these criteria in the written opinion. Thus, when the IPER is received, a preliminary amendment re-introducing many of the claims is anticipated, especially such claims with which a positive opinion is associated.

An examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE AMENDMENT:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

5 This application is a national phase filing of PCT/IL99/00670. This application is
a Continuation-in-part of PCT application PCT/IL99/009284, now US application
09/701,531 and of PCT application PCT/IL99/00285, now US application 09/701,523 both
~~of which designate the US,~~ the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.

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